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LETTER DATED 8 MAY 1995 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 724 (1991) CONCERNING YUGOSLAVIA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 724 (1991) concerning Yugoslavia, I wish to inform you of the following matter of importance and concern to the Committee.

The Government of Romania, supported by other Danube riparian States, the Danube Commission and the European Union/Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (EU/OSCE) Sanctions Coordinator, requested authorization for vessels of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) to be allowed to use the Romanian locks of the Iron Gates I system, on the left bank of the Danube, while repairs are carried out to the locks on the right bank. The riparian States and international organizations concerned asked for the Committee's assistance, stressing the importance for safe international navigation on the Danube of the Iron Gates I system being properly maintained and repaired in a timely manner.

At several meetings, the Committee carefully considered this matter, including technical reports and other expert materials submitted by the Danube Commission.

The Committee also took into account the need and readiness of Romania to ensure, in cooperation with the Sanctions Assistance Mission in that country, that vessels of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), if allowed to use the Romanian locks of the system, would not engage in any activities contravening the relevant Security Council resolutions.

At the 124th meeting of the Committee, on 8 May 1995, its members decided to recommend, in view of the exceptional circumstances as well as the provisions contained in paragraph 16 of resolution 820 (1993), that the Security Council consider the adoption of a technical resolution on the matter.

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